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In re Application of:

YOSHIAKI SUGIZAKI

) Group Art Unit: 2811
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Serial No: 09/972,855) Examiner:

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Sir:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Restriction Requirement dated August 1, 2002, with a period for response extending through September 3, 2002 (September 1, 2002 being a Sunday and September 2 being a Federal holiday), the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following Examiner-designated groups:

Embodiment 1 of Figure 1

Embodiment 2 of Figure 2

Embodiment 3 of Figure 3

Embodiment 4 of Figure 4

Embodiment 5 of Figure 5

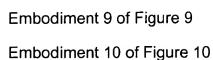
Embodiment 6 of Figure 6

Embodiment 7 of Figure 7

Embodiment 8 of Figure 8

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Embodiment 11 of Figure 11

Embodiment 12 of Figure 12

Embodiment 13 of Figure 13

Embodiment 14 of Figure 14

Embodiment 15 of Figure 15

Embodiment 16 of Figure 16

Embodiment 17 of Figure 17

Embodiment 18 of Figure 18

Embodiment 19 of Figure 19

Embodiment 20 of Figure 20

Embodiment 21 of Figure 21

Embodiment 22 of Figure 22

Embodiment 23 of Figure 23

Embodiment 24 of Figure 24

Embodiment 25 of Figure 25

Embodiment 26 of Figure 26

Embodiment 27 of Figure 27

Embodiment 28 of Figure 28

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Applicant provisionally elects, <u>with traverse</u>, to prosecute the group characterized by the Examiner as "Embodiment 24 of Figure 24." Claims 3, 12, 13, 19 and 20 are readable on the elected species.

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1300 I Street, NW Washington, DC 20005 202.408.4000 Fax 202.408.4400 www.finnegan.com The Examiner alleges the present application includes 28 patentably distinct species. Applicant, however, submits that even if the Examiner has correctly identified "independent or distinct inventions" within the application, the restriction requirement is improper because "the search and examination of [the] entire application can be made without serious burden." MPEP § 803

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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